

Minister  
of National Revenue



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Mr. Chris Brown,  
6267 Castille Court,  
Orleans, Ontario  
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Dear Mr. Brown:

I am responding to your letter of April 23, 1989, concerning the filing of your 1985, 1986 and 1987 income tax returns.

I can well understand the desire of individual citizens to express their strong feelings on matters of public concern. However, a principle basic to our society is the parliamentary process under which people elect representatives from all political parties to make decisions such as those concerning the filing of tax returns. Under the provisions of the Income Tax Act, every individual is responsible for filing his or her return for each year and for paying all taxes owing by April 30 of the following year. While I am sympathetic to your concerns, I have to confirm that the Act is very specific in this regard, and provides no discretion that will allow an individual to postpone the filing of a return.

I hope I have adequately addressed your concerns.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Otto Jelinek". Below the signature, the name "Otto Jelinek" is printed in a smaller, sans-serif font.